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1. Daily freight traffic through the Bad Schandau railway station, which is the official border crossing point for trains passing between East Germany and Czechoslovakia, is roughly eight freight trains in each direction. These are express freight trains classified as Dg trains (Durchgangsgüterzüge). Trains passing through this point from East Germany to Czechoslovakia all carry export goods. One train passing eastward on 10 September 1954, consisted of a series of open flatcars loaded with large packing cases, all of which were lettered in the Cyrillic alphabet. The cars were loaded with only two packing cases per car, the cases being roughly 2.5 meters long and 1.80 meters tall. The contents of the cases could not be determined. 25X1
2. Each train which passes through the Bad Schandau station from East Germany to Czechoslovakia is taken over and sealed by East German Border Police, then turned over to the Czechoslovak Border Guards (PS), who either also seal the car, merely check the seals already applied, or apply an additional seal. The East German locomotive is uncoupled from the freight cars and returned to the East German railyards, while a Czech railroad crew brings out a Czech locomotive and takes over the loaded cars for further transport. There is no social or professional contact between German and Czech railroad employees or train personnel; each group is housed in a separate waiting room and overnight quarters near the station between train runs. 25X1
3. Trains transiting Bad Schandau from Czechoslovakia to East Germany usually carry only coal and ores. 25X1

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